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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FRENCH AIDE MEMOIRE ON NATIONAL
AIRLINES

1. CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY HANDED US ON
JUNE 15 AIDE-MEMOIRE DATED JUNE 14, TEXT OF WHICH
FOLLOWS IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT: (1) IN A NOTE DATED JUNE 8 THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMED THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA THAT IT HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE
DESIGNATION BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OF THE COMPANY
NATIONAL AIRLINES INC. TO OPERATE ON AMERICAN ROUTE
NO. 1 CONTAINED IN SCHEDULE II OF THE FRANCO-AMERICAN
AIR AGREEMENT. FOR ITS PART, THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
CIVIL AVIATION INFORMED THE DIRECTOR FOR FRANCE OF THE
COMPANY IN QUESTION BY LETTER NO. 2367/SEI OF JUNE 9,
THAT IT APPROVED THE OPERATING PROGRAM WHICH THE COMPANY A
HAD SUBMITTED, PROVIDED THAT OPERATION OF THE MIAMI-
PARIS LINE WAS TO ORLY AIRPORT AND NOT TO ROISSY-
CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT.

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(2) THE OPERATION BY THE COMPANY NATIONAL
AIRLINES OF THE MIAMI-PARIS LINE PROMPTS THE FRENCH
AUTHORITIES TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

A) UNDER THE TERMS OF THE STATEMENT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE FILED UNDER DOCKET NO. 30342
ON FEBRUARY 1, 1977, THE DESIGNATION OF THE COMPANY
NATIONAL AIRLINES IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OUTCOME

OF ANGLO-AMERICAN AERONAUTICAL NEGOTIATIONS NOW
UNDERWAY AND AIMS AT ASSURING THE AMERICAN COMPANY OF
AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION IN THE EVENT THAT AIR SERVICES
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN WERE TO
BE SUSPENDED OR REDUCED AS OF JUNE 22.

B) SIMILAR CONSIDERATIONS APPEAR IN ORDER 77-3-104
OF MARCH 9, 1977, ISSUED BY THE CAB TO THE COMPANY
NATIONAL AIRLINES IN WHICH IT IS STATED IN PARTICULAR:
"OUR ACTION IS GROUNDED SOLELY (UNDERLINED) ON THE
NEED FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES TO ASSURE A SMOOTH
CONTINUITY OF SERVICE TO THOUSANDS OF MIAMI-EUROPE
PASSENGERS AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL'S EXISTING POSITION
AS AN ATLANTIC INCUMBENT IN THE FACE OF A POSSIBLE
DISRUPTION OF LONDON OPERATIONS THIS SUMMER."

(3) AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES
HAVE DULY TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE CONTINGENT AND
PROVISIONAL NATURE OF THE OPERATION ENVISAGED BY THE
COMPANY NATIONAL AIRLINES, AS THIS EMERGES FROM THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE TWO DOCUMENTS CITED ABOVE AS WELL AS
FROM THE PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY THE COMPANY TO THE
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION.

(4) MOREOVER, IT APPEARS ESSENTIAL TO THE FRENCH
AUTHORITIES THAT THE CAPACITY PLACED IN SERVICE ON
ROUTES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND

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FRANCE CORRESPOND TO TRAFFIC DEMAND AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION IV OF THE ANNEX TO THE FRANCO-AMERICAN AIR AGREEMENT OF MARCH 27, 1946 AS AMENDED.

(5) THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES THUS RESERVE THE POSSIBILITY, IF THE OPERATION OF THE COMPANY NATIONAL AIRLINES WERE TO BE EXTENDED OR MODIFIED SUBSTANTIALLY OR IF IT WERE TO APPEAR THAT THE TRAFFIC RESULTS OBSERVED BETWEEN MIAMI AND PARIS DID NOT CORRESPOND TO THE TRAFFIC OFFERED BY THE COMPANY, TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION IN APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH II OF THE FRANCO-AMERICAN MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 1951, CONFIRMED BY THE FRANCO-AMERICAN MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 1959.

(6) LASTLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT UNCERTAINTY OVER THE DISTRIBUTION AMONG AMERICAN CARRIERS OF US-EUROPE ROUTES AFTER MARCH 31, 1978, THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES DEEM THEY MUST POINT OUT THAT IN CASE THREE AMERICAN CARRIERS WERE TO ASK TO OPERATE SIMULTANEOUSLY MIXED SCHEDULED SERVICES BETWEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE UNITED STATES AND METROPOLITAN FRANCE, THEY RESERVE THE RIGHT LIKEWISE TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION IN APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AFORE-MENTIONED MINUTES WITH REGARD TO THE OVER-ALL OPERATING PROGRAMS OF THESE CARRIERS. END TEXT

3. IN ACCEPTING THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WE MADE NO COMMENT WHATEVER ON ITS CONTENT BEYOND REMARKING THAT IT WOULD OF COURSE BE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY BY WASHINGTON.

4. COPY OF FRENCH TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE POUCHED EB/AN. GAMMON

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